EEC Assistance to Agricultural project in Kerala

5712. SHRI THAYIL JAIN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the agricultural projects in Kerala funded by the European Economic Community during the last there years; and

(b) the targets fixed and achievements made under these projects during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The Coconut Development Project of Kerala has been extended assistance by the European Economic Community during the last three years.

(b) The target of establishment of 900 Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies has been achieved. Against the target of setting up three copra processing plants one plant has been commissioned.

[*Translation*]

Oil Schemes and Projects of Uttar Pradesh

5713. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether various oil schemes and projects of Uttar Pradesh are laying pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, since when and the details thereof,

(c) the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the time by which these projects and schemes ared likely to be cleard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). The Auraiya Gas Cracker Project is at an advanced stage of consideration.

[*English*]

Commercial Trout farming project in Kulu

5714. SHRI S.B. SIN DNAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Norway has funded a project for commercial farming of rainbow trout at Katrain, Kulu, Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement reached in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b). The salient features of the agreement reached between the Government of the Kingdom of Norway and Government of India are as follows:-

Norway shall provide a financial grant not exceeding 8, 000,000 Norwegian Kroner for transfer of technology and provision of equipment for commercial trout farming in Kulu valley, Himachal Pradesh for a duration of 5 years.

The project envisages establishment of a marine trout hatchery, with a capacity to produce the trout fingerlings required to produce 10 tonnes of table sized fish annually and to demonstrate commercial trout farming in 5 raceways; training of project staff and local farmers including women; development of an economically viable trout feed; undertaking studies relating to the socio-economic aspects of farmers; survey of suitable areas for trout farming; organisation of marketing and sales of trout; organisation of credit facilities. etc. The project also provides for

constancy services initially for a period of 21/2 years for detailled planning and supervision of the implementation of the new technology development phase and another 21\2 years during the fish production phase. Norway will also provide the necessary equipment for feed production, hatchery and trout farming etc. and provide on the job training for selected staff and, if necessary, they will be trained abroad.

The project will be organised, managed and mointored by a Steering Committee comprising members from different Central/ State Government departments, representatives of the Government of Norway, etc. and a Project Management and Monitoring Committee comprising membres from the State Departments concerned and the representative of Government of Norway as an invitee.

(c). The project has already been taken up for implementation from March, 1988 onwards and is likely to be completed by 1993.

'Information and Mass Education CELL' for weaker sections In Kerala

5715. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any ' Information and Mass Education Cell' functioning for educating the masses and creating awareness among the weaker sections of the society in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details of its activities in Kerala during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE SHRI SITARAM KESRI: (a) and (b). The information is being collected.

Financial Assistance to Goa under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Research and Training

5716. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have carried out any evaluation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Research and Training relation to Scheduled castestc findout its effectiveness;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds provided in the Government of Goe under the said Scheme and the amount spent during 1990-91

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KES RI: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No funds were provided to Goa.

Sanctioned Projects of NSFDC

5717. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: DR. KARTIKESHWAR PATRA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects sanctioned by the National Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Finance and Davelopment Corporation during 1990-91 and 1991-92 with break up, State-wise

(b) the details of the disbursement made eqainst sanction during the above period, State-wise; and

(c) the brief particulars of the projects sanctioned, names of the implementing agencies and the proopares made for implementation by the end of 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c). The requisite information is given in the Annexure.